

THE WAR OF THE COAL AGENCIES

Strong Competition for Control of W. Va. Output.

RESTS WITH MINING COMPANIES

A New Agency Does Not Seem to Have Got Control of All the Output. Earnings of the Chesapeake and Ohio—Railroad Notes.

There may be something of a war between rival coal companies for the control of the output of the Kanawha and New River fields. Indeed, it looks as though the war is on.

The contest is between the old Chesapeake and Ohio Agency Company and the new company, known as the New River and Kanawha Coal Company. The first named company has for years been handling the output of these mines on commission. Recently, the New River and Kanawha Coal Company, Mr. J. H. Warden, manager, was formed for the purpose of handling the output of these mines. Mr. J. H. Warden, of Staunton, was made New York agent. A circular was issued under date of February 19, announcing that the new company would handle the output of the following mines then controlled by the Chesapeake and Ohio Coal Agency Company, the Chesapeake and Ohio Coal and Coke Company, and the Kanawha Coal Company.

New River District—Alaska Coal and Coke Company, Ballinger Coal and Coke Company, Beechwood Coal and Coke Company, Blume Coal and Coke Company, Boone Coal and Coke Company, Brooklyn Coal Company, Brown Coal Company, Central Coal Company, Coal and Coke Company, Collins Colliery Company, Cumard Coal Company, Fire Creek Coal and Coke Company, Greenwood Coal Company, Laurel Creek Coal Company, Nuttallburg Coal and Coke Company, Quinnmont Coal Company, Red Ash Coal Company, Robins Coal Company, Rothwell Coal Company, Royal Coal and Coke Company, Rush Run Coal and Coke Company, Smokeless Coal Company, Sun Coal and Coke Company, Thurmond Coal Company, Turley Knoll Coal Company, Wright Coal and Coke Company.

Kanawha District—Belmont Coal Company, J. F. Burdett, Carver Bros., Chesapeake Mining Company, Coalburg Colliery Company, Davis-Gordon Coal Company, Quinmont Coal Company, L. E. Johnson, Mecca Coal and Coke Company, Montgomery Coal Company, St. Clair Company.

It was stated in the circular that the new company would have an annual capacity of 4,000,000 tons of coal and 400,000 tons of coke. Shipments were to begin April 1st.

Soon after this circular was issued the Chesapeake and Ohio Coal Agency Company, of this city, Mr. J. W. Hopkins, manager, announced that it would continue to handle the output of mines in the West Virginia fields. It appears that all the companies expected to allow the new agency to handle their output did not make the change. The Chesapeake and Ohio Coal Agency Company a day or two after the new company's circular was issued, sent out a notice, which was published in The Times, that it would continue to do business at the old stand, and with the same mines formerly. This notice of which would seem to indicate that there is to be lively competition for the control of the output of the coal mines of the Kanawha and New River fields, and the further fact that this year in sight lower commissions for handling his coal.

The popular impression that the Chesapeake and Ohio Coal Agency Company and the Chesapeake and Ohio Coal Company are allied is positively denied. The similarity of names, the fact that the Chesapeake and Ohio Road runs the entire length of the Kanawha and New River fields, and the further fact that Mr. James W. Hopkins, of this city, general agent of the company, was formerly an official of the Chesapeake and Ohio Railway have combined to create this impression.

The Chesapeake and Ohio has within the past eighteen months become one of the great coal carrying roads of the United States. The receipts for coal traffic for the third quarter of 1900, for example, were more than double those of last year.

The following comparative statement of actual earnings and expenses of the Chesapeake and Ohio for the month of January was issued yesterday:

Earnings:	1901.	1900.
Freight	\$ 289,277 80	\$ 146,982 26
Passenger	191,153 51	182,518 39
Express	12,886 00	12,886 00
Mail	22,264 47	21,161 97
Miscellaneous	5,814 61	5,235 02
Total	\$ 528,396 39	\$ 370,793 94

Expenses:	1901.	1900.
Way and structure	\$ 136,914 22	\$ 126,789 95
Maint. equip.	276,829 29	217,982 94
Conduct. transp.	432,217 98	414,982 94
General	20,169 49	21,274 37
Taxes	30,782 72	30,769 72
Total	\$ 887,903 70	\$ 811,807 92

Net earnings: Earnings, 7 mos., \$1,181,164 37; Exp., 7 mos., \$724,775 59; \$456,388 78.

Net earnings for 7 months, \$349,467 28; \$276,599 47.

It is rumored that changes will occur in the mechanical department of the Atlantic Coast Line Railroad. From what can be learned, it is understood that Mr. T. H. Symington, superintendent of motive power of the Coast Line, with headquarters in Wilmington, will resign that position. Mr. Symington is well known in railroad mechanical circles and has been with the Coast Line for some years.

The Chesapeake and Ohio Railway will handle the detachment of native Porto Rican troops brought to this country to participate in the inaugural parade in Washington next Monday. The troops are expected to arrive at Newport News Saturday and will be taken to Washington on a special train.

Mr. Sturgis G. Bates has been elected vice-president and general manager of the Eastern Kentucky Railroad, succeeding Mr. H. W. Bates, deceased. The office of general freight agent is abolished.

The Chesapeake and Ohio handled a special car of insane soldiers en route from Danville, Ill., to Washington yesterday.

C. J. Phillips, general agent of the Bangor and Portland Division of the Lackawanna Railroad, has been appointed superintendent of the division.

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perintendent of the Buffalo Division of the same road, with office at Buffalo, N. Y. Phillips takes the place made vacant by the resignation of Robert Dudgeon. H. H. Shepard, superintendent of the Unadilla Valley Railway, has been appointed superintendent of the Bangor and Portland Division, with office at Bangor, Pa. Both appointments are effective March 1st.

THE PRIMACY OF PETER.

This the Theme of Dr. McKim's Address Last Night.

In his address at St. Paul's Church yesterday evening Dr. McKim took for his subject the primacy of the Apostle Peter and the doctrine of Papal infallibility.

For five years ago the revered Pontiff Pope Leo XIII. addressed to all the peoples of the Christian world an appeal for Christian unity, which was to be accomplished by all Christians submitting to the authority of the Pope, and uniting to the words of Christ, "Thou art Peter, and upon this rock I will build my church." Dr. McKim said there was no evidence in the New Testament that St. Peter had ever exercised the supreme powers and prerogatives which it was claimed were conferred upon him.

Dr. McKim declared that the Roman interpretation of this passage was not sustained by the writings of the ancient Fathers, and quoted numerous passages from St. Chrysostom, St. Augustine and others. He quoted also a speech delivered at the Vatican Council by Archbishop Kendrick, of St. Louis, showing that the number of the Fathers in the interpretation of this passage, then we are bound to hold it certain that by the rock we ought to understand, not Peter, but the faith professed by Peter and his successors.

Second—That no argument at all, or at least no probable argument, can be derived in support of the primacy of Peter from the words "Upon this rock I will build my church." Archbishop Kendrick showed that the words of St. Peter, which he examined, among them one of the Popes—Leo the Great—denied that Peter was the rock, while only seventeen held that he was the rock, and finally that since Roman Catholics are bound to accept no interpretation of Scripture that is not supported by the unanimous consent of the Fathers, they cannot consistently build the primacy of Peter upon this passage.

Dr. McKim argued that if it could be proved that Peter was the rock on which Christ built his church, the Roman claim would not be established until it had also been proved that in building his church upon Peter, Christ made him the supreme head and ruler of the church; that these powers of jurisdiction and government were transmitted to the successors of St. Peter, and that St. Peter was the Bishop of Rome, and the Popes were his successors; but the speaker denied that these propositions could be established either from the Scriptures or from the writings of the Fathers of the first four centuries.

It was not denied, however, that Peter had a certain primacy among the Apostles. It was his leader, they spoke in his name, and he was the representative to whom was given the great privilege of first opening the doors of the Christian Church to the Jews on the Day of Pentecost and to the Gentiles in the case of Cornelius and his friends.

Dr. McKim then said that in the early church the primacy of honor was yielded to the Bishop of Rome, not because he was the successor of St. Peter, but because of the imperial dignity of the city and representative, to whom was given the great privilege of first opening the doors of the Christian Church to the Jews on the Day of Pentecost and to the Gentiles in the case of Cornelius and his friends.

Discussing the dogma of papal infallibility Dr. McKim stated that it was strenuously opposed by many of the most illustrious and learned prelates and scholars of the Middle Ages, among whom was John Henry Newman, who thought it would be "most difficult to maintain logically in the face of historical facts." It was pointed out that in regard to the question of infallibility there is no authority to decide when the Pope speaks ex-cathedra. The uncertainty as to where infallibility resided has simply given place to uncertainty in a new form.

It results, said Dr. McKim, that the Roman Catholic is no better off than his Protestant neighbor, who builds his faith on the infallible voice which speaks from the Holy Scriptures. Cardinal Manning held one view, Cardinal Newman held a diametrically opposite view as to whether Pius IX. was speaking infallibly when he put forth the famous Syllabus in 1864. How vain, said Dr. McKim, is the hope of infallibility in men secure above all doubt of certainty of belief.

THE FREE DELIVERY.

Many Country People to Get Mail at Their Doors.

Three rural postal free delivery routes will be inaugurated to-day. They will be known as the Seven Pines, Cold Harbor and Ridge Church routes. Messrs. Fussell, Kellam and Gordon will be the carriers. Their appointments were made upon the recommendation of Representative Lamb some time ago.

The routes mentioned will get their mail delivered at their residences once every day. The carrier will also take up letters and packages to be mailed.

These routes are in the nature of an experiment. If the service shown to what it is expected it will be the rural free delivery system will be further extended.

Robert Taylor, the old colored man, who, as subcontractor, has for some time carried the mail between Richmond and Seven Pines, made his last trip yesterday.

Leigh-Street's Home Department.

The home department of Leigh-Street Baptist Church will inaugurate its series of public lectures to-night at 8:15 o'clock, with a lecture by Professor S. C. Mitchell, of Richmond College, on "The Church in the Future." The church is invited to Leigh-Street Church on this occasion. There is to be no charge for admission and no collection.

This department of Leigh-Street Church has been organized for the purpose of making an attractive and helpful church home for the people of its community. The church is to be open to the public every evening during the week. A road-

ing-room with the daily newspapers of Richmond, Washington and New York and the current magazines and its hobbies are to be one of its features. Also a daily circulating library will be provided. An industrial school and girls' club is to be instituted for the benefit of the women. There will also be established an employment bureau to aid those out of work in securing positions. By these and other means, the church hopes to become a pure and practical influence in the every-day lives of the people of its neighborhood.

NEWS OF BARTON HEIGHTS.

Rev. Mr. Squires Accepts a Pastorate at Bristol—Horseshoes.

Rev. W. H. T. Squires, pastor of the Overbrook Presbyterian Church, and who received a call to the Second Presbyterian Church, of Bristol, Va., after prayerful thought and prolonged consideration, has accepted the pastorate. His resignation has been given to the members of his present charge, to take effect the 1st of May, and he will assume his new duties the second Sunday in May.

The Overbrook Presbyterian Church is a comparatively new church. It was started in a little store, and under the administration of Mr. Squires they now have a beautiful chapel on Roberts Street, between North and Virginia Avenue.

Dr. W. W. Moore, who has been traveling in the South, collecting the \$200,000 for the endowment fund of the Union Theological Seminary, is reported as being quite sick at Salem, N. C. When last heard from he was going very nicely. Rev. R. H. Pitt and son, Robert Pitt, have returned to their home on Lamb Avenue, after a short pleasure trip to Washington, D. C.

Captain E. H. Lea, freight agent of the Southern Railway Company, has returned from Atlanta, Ga., where he attended a meeting of the Executive Committee of the Southern Railway Agents' Association.

Mr. A. E. Haver, who has been a conductor on the Lakeside Line, has resigned his position with the Richmond Passenger and Power Company to accept one of like character with the Richmond Traction Company.

Mr. W. K. Bahe, of Lamb Avenue, is in Vandergriff Park, on a visit to his son Hardin Bahe and is expected home in a few days.

Miss Sallie Knight has returned to her home on Barton Avenue, after an extended visit to friends and relatives at Morgantown, W. Va.

Mr. Warner Croxton, of Monteiro Avenue, left yesterday for Columbia, S. C., where he will assume his new position as private secretary to Mr. David Cardwell, general freight agent of the Southern Railway Company.

The ladies of the Overbrook Presbyterian Church gave an art exhibition Wednesday evening at the home of Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Moore, on Virginia Avenue. The exhibition was a success, and the proceeds were sold at reasonable prices, by which quite a neat sum was raised for the church.

CITY HALL NEWS.

Deputy Commissioners of Revenue Distributing Tax Lists.

The deputy commissioners of revenue are still busy distributing the tax list blanks throughout the city. A thorough distribution is being made, and Commissioner Hawkins says it will not be the fault of the office if assessments are not satisfactory.

Sergeant Hall, of the detective force, has located a tame opossum. The animal is owned by a colored man on East Grace Street. The opossum has been trained to do a number of tricks, and catches rats just like a cat or dog.

Sergeant Shlenger makes the following report of the work of the police for the past month:

Total, 24; with, 167; colored, 157; misdemeanor, 300; felonies, 19; ordinance violations, 1,235; miscellaneous reports, 53. Total number of arrests for January, 388. Superintendent Knowles said yesterday afternoon that the gas-house repairs were progressing satisfactorily, and that the injured men were rapidly improving.

The case on trial in the Law and Equity Court yesterday was that of George Johnson, who sued the Chesapeake and Ohio Railroad Company for \$20,000, for injuries claimed to have been sustained through alleged carelessness on the part of employees of the company. The plaintiff is a small boy, who sued by his next friend, L. Johnson. He was run over by a freight car, and one leg broken and otherwise injured. The plaintiff suffered a laceration.

Judge Welford granted a charter yesterday morning to "The Richmond Type and Electrotype Foundry," for the purpose of selling type and materials for printers and bookbinders. The capital stock is from \$5,000 to \$10,000, and the principal office is Richmond, with the principal officers: President, Robert Whitfield, Jr.; Vice-President, C. P. Davis; D. G. Whitehead, secretary and treasurer.

The suit of the National Bank of Virginia against L. P. Kuhn for \$1,025.50 is in progress in the City Circuit Court, and was continued over from yesterday to this morning.

The application for a receiver for the Old Dominion Building and Loan Association by Miss C. R. Shields, set for argument yesterday, was continued to next Monday, on motion of plaintiff.

F. P. Miller and J. D. Fowler were allowed to go in as co-plaintiffs.

Isaac Lichtenstein qualified as executor of Bertha Greenlee in the Chancery Court. The estate is valued at about \$1,600.

The jury in the Hastings Court have been adjourned for the term. The next term will begin on Monday.

CROWN CATHARRH POWDER
This Catarrh Powder gives instant relief from the most distressing cases of Catarrh of the bladder. It is a powerful antiseptic, and its use is recommended by the highest medical authorities. It is sold by all druggists. Price 25¢ per box. Polk Miller Drug Co., RICHMOND, Va. Mailed on receipt of price.

NEWS IN HENRICO.

An Attempt Made to Burn the Barn of Mr. Ploechel—Personal.

An attempt was made by some unknown person to burn the barn of Mr. John N. Ploechel, about six miles below the city, Wednesday night. While Mr. Ploechel was at supper lamp oil was poured over the rear of the barn and then set fire. Fortunately, the fire only spread over that portion which was saturated with the oil. The barn is only a short distance from Mr. Ploechel's blacksmith shop, which adjoined his home.

Mrs. M. S. James, mother of Dr. Lorimer James, is quite ill at her home in the county.

It is understood that Mr. S. L. Fussell, who has accepted a position as rural mail-carrier will resign the office of Deputy Sheriff, and that as his successor Sheriff Solomon will appoint Mr. John Archer, of Varina District.

MISS GULLY IN CHARGE.

Will Act as Superintendent in Absence of Miss Cabiniss.

It was stated by a number of the Lady Beauty of Henrico, the Old Dominion Hospital last evening that the board would certainly decline to accept Miss Cabiniss' resignation as superintendent of the hospital, but in view of the fact that Miss Cabiniss feels the need of a vacation and a relief from her duties, a solution of the matter will probably be reached by allowing Miss Cabiniss a six months' leave of absence, to begin about the first of April.

Miss Annie Gully will be placed in charge of the hospital during Miss Cabiniss' vacation.

THE TEST SUCCESSFUL.

Another Machine at the New Power Plant in Motion.

Another set of wheels were yesterday put in motion at the power plant of the Virginia Electrical Railway and Development Company. On Wednesday night the canal was emptied and everything put in readiness for the test, which proved a decided success.

There yet remain two other machines to be turned and this will probably be done this week. It is expected that the plant will be generating its own power within a fortnight. A force of men is now at work finishing the conduit connections.

Property Transfers.

The following property transfers were recorded yesterday:

Richmond: Chas. W. Dickerson to Mary V. Dickerson, 15-11-12 feet on south side of Clay Street, 32-1-12 feet west of Thirty-first Street, \$5.

Emma J. Ford, in her own right and Elizabeth C. Ford, to J. D. Cabell, Brockenbrough, 29-2-12 feet on Potomac Avenue, southeast corner of Rowland Street, \$1,235.

Julia A. Hughes' trustee to August H. Nolde, 32 feet on west side of Twenty-eighth Street, northwest corner of M Street, \$1,450.

F. L. Pedneue and wife to Frank L. Butler, 32-3-12 feet on north side of Broad Street, 30 feet from Twenty-fourth Street, \$2,250.

F. Sittlerding and wife and J. D. Carneal and wife to Carolina T. Mary A. and Elizabeth C. Ford, 1-2-12 feet on south side of Marshall Street, 5 feet east of Second Street, \$4,100.

W. C. Saunders and wife to H. R. Polard, Jr., and John Bagby, 50 feet on south side of Leigh Street, between Gilmer and Graham Streets, \$5,000.

Charles M. McKenney to Edward Carter, 3 acres on the Richmond, Fredericksburg and Potomac Railway, \$70.

Wm. Turner to Maria A. Brooks and Louie Hagler, 32 feet on south side of Jay Street, 48 feet west of the Mechanicsville Turnpike, \$500.

District W. C. T. U. Convention.

The District Convention of the Women's Christian Temperance Union will be held to-day at Grace-Street Baptist Church, opening at 10 o'clock.

It promises to be one of the most interesting meetings that has been held, as a number of new unions have been added to the district, among them being Farmville and Crewe, which with Petersburg, West Point, Centerville, Chester, Ashland and Richmond, with the unions in the surrounding counties will bring quite a number of delegates to the city.

General Jones' Portrait.

A portrait of Brigadier-General Wm. Lee Jones will soon be presented to Lee Camp. He was a native of Louisiana county and was in the Civil War campaign, resigning to accept a commission in the Confederate service.

General Jones was a cavalry officer and had charge of the Department of Southwest Virginia and Eastern Tennessee. He was killed in battle.

The portrait was a near relative of Dr. J. William Jones.

Daniel and Massey.

Most of Virginia's great men will be in the convention. John W. Daniel will be there, and if he wants to preside over this body the honor will probably be accorded him, says the Richmond Times. The venerable John E. Massey, now 82 years of age, the man whom Daniel had said was, when in his prime, the ablest stump-speaker in the State, will be present, and a few among the most skillful claiming the eruption is not smallpox—Charlottesville Progress.

Doctors Differ.

The smallpox is still raging at Oak Ridge, in Nelson county. This eruption is called smallpox, but it is false as false can be. It is genuine smallpox vaccination would be a preventative, but vaccination has no influence at all over the disease, therefore, my beloved brethren, do not. Doctors are divided regarding this eruption, the majority claiming it is smallpox, and a few among the most skillful claiming the eruption is not smallpox—Charlottesville Progress.

Valuable Horse Lost.

Mr. Spencer Carter's fine chestnut gelding "Mulaney," while practicing at the "hunting ring" at the Hunt Club Wednesday, fell and so badly injured himself that he died that night.

Social and Personal

A pleasant event of last evening was the musical reception given by Mrs. May Talley at her studio, No. 37 East Franklin Street. The rooms were most attractively decorated in palms, ferns and potted plants, and testout roses lent a pretty touch of color.

Mrs. Talley met receiving in her guests by her mother, Mrs. L. A. Patrick, of Danville. After the music, dainty refreshments were served. An excellent musical programme was rendered by Mrs. Talley's pupils, who reflected great credit on themselves and on their teacher by the splendid manner in which their numbers were rendered.

The programme was as follows: Wells-Bohemia, Miss Carrie Neal; Wood-Thy Name, Mrs. S. J. Wingfield; Hawley, The Rose Fable, Miss Kate Binswanger; Beaumont-Con, Miss Sallie Hart; Tosti-La Serenata, Mrs. Frank Kerns; Mozart-Fantasia, D minor, Miss Grace Neal; Cantor—As the Dawn, Mrs. W. B. Fizzini; Brassino-Notturne, Miss Ray Hessberg; Needham-The Fairy's Lullaby, Miss A. Brooks; Phippen; Theo. Luck-Valse Arabeque, Mrs. M. H. Justice; Josephson-Shepherdess, Miss Evelyn Delrick; Buck-Bedouin Love Song, Mr. S. J. Wingfield; Beethoven-Sonata Pathetique, first movement, Miss Kate Binswanger; Hawley-Molly's Eyes, Mrs. W. B. Fizzini.

The hall room of the Jefferson Club was filled to overflowing last evening, when Mr. Charles Pierson and his pupils presented Robertson's sparkling comedy, David Garrick. Every character was well presented, and the entire performance was a most pleasing one, as was evidenced by the frequent rounds of applause. Dancing followed the performance.

The members of the cast were the guests of the entertainment committee at an elegant supper later in the evening.

The Jefferson Club will give an "advertisement ball" next Thursday evening that will be an exceedingly novel and delightful affair. The participants are expected to represent some well known advertisement or trade mark, and the effect will doubtless be a pretty one.

Mr. Harvey Griffin and Miss Annie S. Hamlett, both of this city, were married in Washington Wednesday afternoon. Mr. W. M. Hamlett and Miss Ada Hamlett, brother and sister of the bride, accompanied the young couple. Mr. Griffin is a valued employee of the Traction Company.

Upon their arrival in this city last night a number of the young friends of Mr. and Mrs. Griffin assembled to welcome their return and to congratulate them.

Among these were Mrs. Gladwyn Misses Tessie and Pearl Meredith, Mrs. Clay, Misses Daisy Holmes, Lelia and Ruth Atkinson, Mr. and Mrs. George Thompson, Misses Ada and Amelia Hamlett and Messrs. E. H. Poterfield, Sam Harris, A. J. Joyner, Mr. Spiers, George and W. H. Hamlett.

Mr. and Mrs. Griffin will reside at No. 135 West Main Street.

Mr. Gilbert Contant, of New York, and Miss Martha Leonard, of Waynesboro, Va., were married Monday evening at the residence of Mr. C. J. Oehlshlaeger, pastor of the Sixth-Street German Lutheran Church. Immediately after the ceremony they left for New York and Niagara Falls. They will return to Richmond in about two weeks and reside here.

Mrs. Floyd Hughes, of Norfolk, is spending a few days in the city.

Colonel John S. Mosby is visiting his sister, Mrs. Charles Wells Russell, in Washington.

Miss Lila Mayo, who has been visiting friends in the city, has returned to her home in Norfolk.

Mrs. C. W. Westbury is in Washington, the guest of Miss Reed.

Mrs. J. N. Liggitt, of Harrisonburg, is the guest of friends in the city.

Mrs. Ralph Stern entertained at cards Wednesday evening at her residence, on West Clay Street, after the game an elegant supper was served.

Mr. W. S. Gordon, a well-known civil engineer of this city, has gone to Texas to reside.

Misses Fannie and Berta Lang have returned from a pleasant trip to New York.

Miss Mary Peters, of Baltimore, is the guest of Mrs. Montague, No. 208 East Grace Street.

Mrs. David B. Tennant and Miss Anne Tennant are sojourning at the Hot Springs. Miss Tennant will go to Washington to be one of a charming house party during the inauguration.

Miss Elise Davenport is spending some time at Old Point, and Miss Eliza, both Davenport, is visiting friends in New Jersey.

Miss Nina Randolph has returned to the city, after a delightful visit to friends in Philadelphia, Baltimore and Washington.

Mrs. Joseph Wallerstein entertained at dinner Wednesday evening in honor of Miss Fannie Wallerstein.

The Auxiliary of the Virginia Hospital continue to ask the general public to save their old rubber. They propose to beg for it until a car-load is collected. Call up old 'phone 916 and the rubber will be sent for.

Miss Ethel Lipscomb, of Danville, Va., who has been visiting Mrs. A. J. Montague, has returned home. While here Miss Lipscomb was the recipient of much attention.

Mrs. C. W. Westbury is visiting Miss Reed, No. 205 C Street Northwest, Washington.

SUPT. THOMPSON'S REPORT.
Makes Important Recommendation Concerning Inspection of Wires.

The annual report of Superintendent Thompson, of the Fire Alarm and Police Telegraph Department, is about completed. He says, among other things:

"We have no ordinances requiring that buildings be inspected in this city, that are wired for electric lights, heat or power, although we are frequently called upon to put out fires caused by faulty electrical wiring. I have time and again recommended your honorable body that steps be taken to have an ordinance enacted to cover the inspection of wires in buildings. So far, nothing has been done, and until some action is taken we may expect to have fires started from this cause. Your electrical work will therefore be recommended, the adoption and enforcement of the National Electrical Code of rules and requirements for the wiring of buildings."

He also recommends to license, regulate and control electrical contractors, interior electrical wiremen and operations of electrical machinery.